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**NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION (NECA) SUBMITS THE PAYMENT
FORMULA AND FUND SIZE ESTIMATE FOR INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
RELAY SERVICES (TRS) FUND FOR JULY 2003 THROUGH JUNE 2004**

CC Docket 98-67

Comments: May 22, 2003

Reply Comments: May 29, 2003

On May 1, 2003, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.604(c)(5)(iii)(H), the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) submitted the payment formula and fund size estimate for the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.¹

NECA proposes a carrier contribution factor of 0.0017, and a fund size requirement of \$131.8 million. NECA also proposes a reimbursement rate of \$1.359 for traditional TRS and for Internet Protocol (IP) Relay per completed conversation minute. NECA proposes a speech to speech (STS) reimbursement rate of \$2.445 per completed conversation minute, and a video relay service (VRS) reimbursement rate of \$14.644 per completed conversation minute.

A copy of NECA's submission will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the submission may also be found by searching on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs> (insert CC Docket No. 98-67 into the Proceeding block).

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before May 22, 2003, and reply comments on or before May 29, 2003. All filings must reference CC Docket 98-67. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

¹ *Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services Fund Payment Formula and Fund Size Estimate (filed May 1, 2003).*

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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